

Amendments to the Specification:**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 15 - page 26, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

After rubbing treatment is applied on the thus-configured counter substrate 30 and the active matrix substrate 20 in directions perpendicular to each other, the substrates 30 and 20 are bonded via a predetermined gap 33 normal to the planar surfaces of the substrates, and thereafter, liquid crystal 39 is sealed in the gap. As a result, the liquid crystal 39 is twist-aligned 90° between the active matrix substrate 20 and the counter substrate 30.

Accordingly, a clear viewing direction 65 and a direction opposite 75 to the clear viewing direction are produced in the liquid crystal device 1 in response to the alignment state of the liquid crystal 39, and if light incident on the liquid crystal device 1 from the direction inclined opposite to the clear viewing direction affects the display, contrast is degraded. In the example shown herein, in each pixel, the side on which the pixel switching TFT 10 is located with respect to the pixel electrode 8 (the lower side in the figure) is a clear viewing direction, and the side opposite thereto (the upper side in the figure) is opposite to the clear viewing direction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, lines 3-20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In this embodiment, as shown in Figs. 7 and 8, of the first and second light-shielding films 6 and 7, the second light-shielding film 7 formed on the side of the counter substrate 30 (one substrate) into which light enters is formed in such a manner that it broadly overlaps the first opening area 21 formed on the side of the active matrix substrate 20 (other substrate) from which light is emitted, at the side of opposite the clear viewing direction compared to the side of the clear viewing direction. For this reason, a center position 311 of the second opening area 31 formed on the side of the counter substrate 30 is offset by an offset distance 34 toward the clear viewing direction 65 with respect to a center position 211 of the first opening area 21 formed on the side of the active matrix substrate 20. That is, in each pixel, since an edge of the second light-shielding film 7 nearly overlaps an edge of the first light-shielding film 6 on the side where the pixel switching TFT 10 is formed (the side of the clear viewing direction), the second light-shielding film 7 hardly overlaps the first opening area 21 on the side of the clear viewing direction. On the side opposite to the side where the pixel switching TFT 10 is formed (the side opposite to the clear viewing direction), however, the

edge of the second light-shielding film 7 protrudes from the edge of the first light-shielding film 6 toward the first opening area 21 by an amount corresponding to the width L. In addition, a capacitor line and a scanning line are also formed on the side of the clear viewing direction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 29, line 19 - page 30, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Liquid crystal 39 is twist-aligned between the thus-configured counter substrate 30 and the active matrix substrate 20. Accordingly, a clear viewing direction 65 and a direction opposite 75 to the clear viewing direction are produced in the liquid crystal device 1 in response to the alignment state of the liquid crystal 39, and if light incident on the liquid crystal device 1 from the direction inclined opposite to the clear viewing direction affects the display, contrast is degraded. In the example shown herein, in each pixel, the side on which the pixel switching TFT is located with respect to the pixel electrode 8 is also a clear viewing direction, and the side opposite thereto is opposite to the clear viewing direction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, lines 19-23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Accordingly, in the liquid crystal device 1 of this embodiment, of the first and second opening areas 21 and 31, a center position 311 of the second opening area 31 formed on the side of the counter substrate 30 into which light enters is offset by an offset distance 34 toward the clear viewing direction 65 with respect to a center position 211 of the first opening area 21 formed on the side of the active matrix substrate 20 from which light is emitted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 33, lines 6-17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

After rubbing treatment is applied to the thus-configured counter substrate 30 and the active matrix substrate 20 in directions perpendicular to each other, the substrates 30 and 20 are bonded with a predetermined gap therebetween, and thereafter, liquid crystal 39 is sealed in the gap. As a result, the liquid crystal 39 is twist-aligned 90° between the active matrix substrate 20 and the counter substrate 30. Accordingly, a clear viewing direction 65 and a direction opposite to the clear viewing direction 75 are produced in the liquid crystal device 1 in response to the alignment state of the liquid crystal 39, and if light incident on the liquid crystal device 1 from the direction inclined opposite to the clear viewing direction affects the display, contrast is degraded. In the example shown herein, in each pixel, the side on which the pixel switching TFT 10 is located with respect to the pixel electrode 8 (the lower side in

the figure) is a clear viewing direction 65, and the side opposite thereto (the upper side in the figure) is opposite 75 to the clear viewing direction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 33, lines 18-21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In this embodiment, as shown in Figs. 12, 13, and 14, a focal position 411 of the microlens 41 formed on the counter substrate 30 is offset by an offset distance 44 toward the clear viewing direction 65 with respect to the center position 211 of the first opening area 21 of the active matrix substrate 20.